

COVERDELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2161, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a 1 year moratorium on certain diesel fuel excise taxes and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer amounts to the Highway Trust Fund to cover any shortfall.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to reliquidate certain entries of tomato sauce preparation.

S. 2218

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2218, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees and annuitants and members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD), and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2231, a bill to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech.

S. CON. RES. 81

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 81, concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire.

S. CON. RES. 96

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 96, concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) who are being awarded the AHEPA Medal for Military Service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. RES. 128

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 128, a resolution designating March 2000, as "Arts Education Month".

S. RES. 263

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 263, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should communicate to the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") cartel and non-OPEC countries that participate in the cartel of crude oil producing countries, before the meeting of the OPEC nations in March 2000, the position of the United States in favor of increasing world crude oil supplies so as to achieve stable crude oil prices.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 97—EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF CONGRESS FOR ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS; CONSIDERED AND AGREED TO

Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 97

Whereas multiple sclerosis is a chronic and often disabling disease of the central nervous system which often first appears in people between the ages of 20 and 40, with lifelong physical and emotional effects;

Whereas multiple sclerosis is twice as common in women as in men;

Whereas an estimated 250,000 to 350,000 individuals suffer from multiple sclerosis nationally;

Whereas symptoms of multiple sclerosis can be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision;

Whereas the progress, severity, and specific symptoms of multiple sclerosis in any one person cannot yet be predicted;

Whereas the annual cost to each affected individual averages \$34,000, and the total cost can exceed \$2,000,000 over an individual's lifetime;

Whereas the annual cost of treating all people who suffer from multiple sclerosis in the United States is nearly \$9,000,000,000;

Whereas the cause of multiple sclerosis remains unknown, but genetic factors are believed to play a role in determining a person's risk for developing multiple sclerosis;

Whereas many of the symptoms of multiple sclerosis can be treated with medications and rehabilitative therapy;

Whereas new treatments exist that can slow the course of the disease, and reduce its severity;

Whereas medical experts recommend that all people newly diagnosed with relapse-remitting multiple sclerosis begin disease-modifying therapy;

Whereas finding the genes responsible for susceptibility to multiple sclerosis may lead to the development of new and more effective ways to treat the disease;

Whereas increased funding for the National Institutes of Health would provide the opportunity for research and the creation of programs to increase awareness, prevention, and education; and

Whereas Congress as an institution, and Members of Congress as individuals, are in unique positions to help raise public awareness about the detection and treatment of multiple sclerosis and to support the fight against multiple sclerosis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) all Americans should take an active role in the fight to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis on individuals, their families, and the economy;

(2) the role played by national and community organizations and health care professionals in promoting the importance of continued funding for research, and in providing information about and access to the best medical treatment and support services for people with multiple sclerosis should be recognized and applauded; and

(3) the Federal Government has a responsibility to—

(A) continue to fund research so that the causes of, and improved treatment for, multiple sclerosis may be discovered;

(B) continue to consider ways to improve access to, and the quality of, health care services for people with multiple sclerosis;

(C) endeavor to raise public awareness about the symptoms of multiple sclerosis; and

(D) endeavor to raise health professional's awareness about diagnosis of multiple sclerosis and the best course of treatment for people with the disease.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276—TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE CONFEREES ON THE VIOLENT AND REPEAT JUVENILE OFFENDER ACCOUNTABILITY AND REHABILITATION ACT SHOULD SUBMIT THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE BILL BEFORE APRIL 20, 2000, AND INCLUDE THE GUN SAFETY AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 276

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the conferees on H.R. 1501, the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act, should complete and submit the conference report before April 20, 2000, and include in the conference report the amendments passed by the Senate seeking to limit access to firearms by juveniles, convicted felons, and other persons prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing firearms.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

SENIOR CITIZENS' FREEDOM TO WORK ACT OF 1999

KERREY AMENDMENT NO. 2885

Mr. KERREY proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 5) to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age; as follows: